

H. R. 201.

DECEMBER 18, 1822.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

*To authorize the laying out, and opening, of a road from Wheeling,
in the state of Virginia, to the seat of government of the state of
Missouri.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the President of the United States be, and he is hereby,
4 authorized and empowered to appoint one impartial and
5 judicious person, not being a citizen of either of the states
6 through which the road hereinafter mentioned shall pass, to
7 be a Commissioner, and in case of the death, resignation, re-
8 fusal to act, or any disability of any such Commissioner, to
9 appoint another in his stead, who shall have power, according
10 to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to authorize the
11 appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein
12 mentioned," approved May the fifteenth, one thousand eight
13 hundred and twenty, to complete the examination and survey
14 heretofore commenced by virtue of the provisions of said act.

15 and to extend the same to the permanent seat of government
16 of the state of Missouri: the said road to conform, in all re-
17 spects, to the provisions of the said recited act, except that it
18 shall pass by the seats of government of the states of Ohio,
19 Indiana, and Illinois; and the said Commissioner, and the per-
20 sons employed under him, shall receive the same compensation
21 for their services, respectively, as is allowed by the said re-
22 cited act.

1 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That, so soon as the
2 plan and report of the Commissioner so appointed shall be
3 made to the President of the United States, and approved by
4 him, he shall cause the said commissioner, as soon as may be,
5 to issue a notice, to be printed in at least three of the public
6 newspapers published within the states aforesaid, and for at
7 least three months previous to receiving the same, that propo-
8 sals will be received by him, at the places therein specified, and
9 in such manner as the President may deem it most advisable
10 to order them to be received, for opening said road, and bridg-
11 ing, with wooden bridges, such streams which it may cross,
12 as shall be directed by the President to be bridged, or such
13 part or parts thereof, within such time, and in such manner,
14 as shall be specified in said notice, which shall be in all cases
15 let to the lowest bidder: *Provided, however,* That nothing
16 herein contained shall be construed to authorize the construc-
17 tion of a turnpike road.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the pur-
 2 pose of paying the said Commissioner, and those employed
 3 under him, for their services in laying out, surveying, and
 4 marking, the said road, and for compensating the said Com-
 5 missioner for superintending the construction thereof, there
 6 shall be, and is hereby, appropriated, the sum of six thou-
 7 sand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury,
 8 not otherwise appropriated.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose
 2 of defraying the expense of making and bridging said road,
 3 there shall be issued, under the direction of the President of
 4 the United States, in certificates or scrip, the said certificates
 5 or scrip to be of the nominal value of one hundred dollars
 6 each, an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars,
 7 to be receivable only in payment for public lands at the sever-
 8 ral land offices in the United States; which said certificates or
 9 scrip shall be paid to the contractors employed in making
 10 the said road, so soon as their several contracts shall be com-
 11 plied with, and not before.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the money here-
 2 by appropriated, and the certificates or scrip hereby author-
 3 ized to be issued, shall be a charge upon the two per cent.
 4 fund, heretofore set apart, and pledged, by the several acts of
 5 Congress authorizing the admission of the states of Indiana,

6 Illinois, and Missouri, into the Union, for the construction of
7 roads and canals leading to those states, and shall be retained
8 by the United States out of the first money coming into the
9 Treasury, and applicable to those objects.